

# *Plan Ahead* ***Drive** Smart*



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**to Arrive Alive.**



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# The Difference is **YOU**. Drive Smart.

MoDOT will have its largest construction season ever in 2006 with more than 1,000 work zones statewide. We know work zones can be an inconvenience, but they mean MoDOT is working to make the roads smoother and safer for you, as soon as possible. We're doing everything we can to manage our work zones, but we need your help.

- Thank you for driving smart. Since 2002, the number of work-zone related crashes, injuries and fatalities has been on a steady decline. In 2005, 15 motorists died and 940 were injured in work-zone crashes. This is a 20 percent decrease from 2004 when 28 motorists died and 1,167 were injured.
- Between 2000 and 2004, 104 motorists were killed and 5,327 motorists were injured in Missouri work zones.
- Since 2000, 214 MoDOT employees have been injured and four have been killed in work zones.
- In 2004, one person was killed or injured in a Missouri work-zone crash every 7.4 hours.
- Inattention, exceeding the speed limit and following too closely are the leading causes of work-zone crashes.
- The number one reason people die in traffic crashes is failure to wear their safety belts. In 2004, of the 1,130 fatalities, 858 (76%) were NOT wearing their safety belts.

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*Here are some helpful tips:*

**Buckle Up!** – Every trip, every time – safety belts save lives.

**Stay Alert!** – Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.

**Follow signs!** – They'll guide you through work zones safely.

**Expect the Unexpected!** – Watch for flaggers, workers and equipment.

**Pay Attention!** – Turn the radio down and don't use your cellular phone.

**Be Patient!** – Remember workers are improving the road for future travels.

**Don't Speed!** – Follow posted limits and adjust for weather conditions.

**Don't Drink and Drive!** – Impairment of any kind is unacceptable.

**Be Nice!** – Merge early, don't tailgate and don't change lanes in a work zone.



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